2. (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The Member is referred to the Diwan s Proceedings mentioned in the answer to 1 (b) and (c) above.

The assignment of excluded area from the Forest.

212. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table of the House a copy of the petition presented by P. S. Krishna Ayyar, the contractor referred to in question No. 396 of the last session of the Council, for the assignment of excluded area from the Forest;

(b) was any land assigned to him ;

(c) were offers of assignment made to neighbouring landowners, and if so, what was their reply?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a) A copy of the petition is laid on the table. (*Vide Appendix I.*)

(b) No.

(c) The land has not been redemarcated yet. After redemarcation, the plots required by the *pattadar* of the adjacent lands as margins for their cultivated lands will be sold in public auction and assigned in the names of the highest bidders according to the provisions of *the Land Revenue Manual.*

The assignment of Sirkar lands.

213. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) the names of persons who were granted assignments of Sirkar lands in the State of more than 10 acres, including *porambokes* unassigned areas, disafforested areas, etc., during the last 12 years, the total area assigned to each of them, the Survey number and village of the property, and the specific purpose, if any, for which the assignment was made, in each case and whether the specific purpose has been subsequently carried out by the respective assignees ;

(b) whether applications were invited by notification or otherwise for assignment in each case ; if so, who were all the applicants in each case, and what were the particular reasons, if any, for preferring the assignee in each case ;

(c) what was the amount realised in each case under (1) timber value or (2) land value or (3) building value ; inthe case of timber value, what was the quantity of timber on each area before assignment;

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APPENDIX I.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 212.)

Petition dated nil from P. S. Krishna Ayyar, Contractor, Elanad Village, Talappalli Taluk, to the Diwan of Cochin.

I beg to submit the following for your honour's kind consideration and favourable disposal.

Under a contract dated 16th Kumbham 1100 entered into by me with the Conservator of Forests, Cochin, I have agreed to cut, collect and remove all marked trees on seigniorage from compartment No. 9 of the Chelakkara Working Circle, Survey No. 444, Elanad Village, Talappalli Taluk, as per conditions of the contract, one of which is that I should complete this work before 30th Medam 1101. It is now more than six months I have been working this area, and I have paid up all Government dues regularly and punctually.

Now, this area comprising of about 400 acres is a detached portion of forest area surrounded on all sides by paddy fields and is apparently assignable. I am prepared to remit in cash the amount Government may fix as tree value and ground value, and I respectfully beg to request that the area may be assigned to me. This will further enable me to carry on more vigorously the work of felling and removing the trees and clearing the ground for cultivation, as I shall not be bound down by so many conditions as at present in working the area.

If your honour think it necessary to have any further information about me, I beg to request that your honour may kindly make a reference to Mr. C. W. E. Cotton, to whom I am known from 1909, when he was the Director of Industries.

For this act of kindness, I shall be ever grateful and pray for your honour's health and prosperity.

APPENDIX II.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 220.)

Applicants for the District Judge's post.

(1) Mr. A. S. Vengu Ayyar, B. A. & M. L., Chief Court Vakil, Ernakulam.
(2) Mr. P. K. Kumaran, B. A. & B. L., District Court Vakil, Parur.
(3) Mr. A. Velayudha Menon, B. A. & B. L., Chief Court Vakil, Ernakulam.
(4) Mr. K. Raman Menon, B. A. & B. L., Chief Court Vakil, Trichur.

APPENDIX III.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 221.)

Applicants for the Sirkar Vakil's post.

1. Mr. P. Rama Ayyar, B. A. & B. L., Chief Court Vakil, Trichur.
2. ,, R. P. Venkitakrishna Ayyar, B. A. & B. L., Chief Cout Vakil, Ernakulam.
3. ,, K. Raman Menon, B. A. & B. L., Chief Court Vakil, Trichur.
4. ,, P. K. Kumaran, B. A. & B. L., District Court Vakil, Parur.
5. ,, C. A. Ouseph, B. A. & B. L., Chief Court Vakil, Trichur.
6. ,, K. Achyuta Menon, B. A. & B. L., Chief Court Vakil, Trichur.

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